

Moran Announces Federal Disaster Declaration for Kansas Counties Affected by December Storms

HUTCHINSON - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced the President has declared 60 Kansas counties a federal disaster area following extensive damage as a result of severe winter storms in mid December that produced heavy rain, ice, sleet and snow. The declaration provides federal assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for disaster relief and emergency assistance.

"The President's declaration means Kansas communities will receive much needed help with cleanup and recovery efforts," Moran said. "This assistance is welcome news to many Kansans."

Today's emergency designation is for Categories A and B under the Public Assistance program, which authorizes FEMA to provide assistance to state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities at a 75 percent federal and 25 percent local and state cost-share.

Last week, Moran and members of the Kansas delegation asked President Bush to declare a federal disaster area for 60 counties in Kansas. Approved counties include: Atchison, Barber,

Barton, Brown, Butler, Chase, Cherokee, Clark, Clay, Cloud, Comanche, Crawford, Dickinson, Doniphan, Edwards, Ellis, Ellsworth, Ford, Geary, Graham, Harvey, Hodgeman, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Kingman, Kiowa, Labette, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Miami, Mitchell, Morris, Nemaha, Osage, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Reno, Republic, Rice, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Smith, Stafford, Wabaunsee, Washington and Woodson.

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